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AMENDMENT

Applicants submits this Response along with clean copies of the specification paragraphs and claims as amended in response to the Office Action dated May 10, 2002 directed to the above-identified application.

In the Specification:

Please insert two new paragraphs beginning at Page 2, line 32:

- Figure 9 shows an alternative embodiment of the present invention in cross sectional view.

Figures 10a and 10 b show a 96 well filtration device according one embodiment of the present invention. - -

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please accept new Figures 9 and 10a and b. Please replace all drawings with the attached copy that includes new Figures 9 and 10 a and b.